

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

March 4, 1998

Richard Lewis

Louisville, KY 40205

RE: MUR 4012

Dear Mr. Lewis:

This is to advise you that on February 10, 1998, the Federal Election Commission found probable cause to believe that you violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. After considering the circumstances of this matter, however, the Commission also determined to take no further action against you, and closed its file in this matter as it pertains to you.

The Commission also decided to take no further action against the Lewis for Congress Committee and Bob Ross, as treasurer, and closed its file as it pertains to these respondents.

The Commission reminds you that it is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) for a candidate to knowingly accept excessive contributions. You should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

The file will be made public within 30 days after the matter has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) still apply with respect to all respondents still involved in this matter. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

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If you have any questions, please contact Dominique Dillenseger, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690.

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